(b) whether reservation is not available for the persons suffering from mild retardation;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when instructions are proposed to be issued to absorb them also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 provides that Government shall appoint in every establishment such percentage of vacancies not less than 3% for persons or class of persons with disability of which 1 % each shall be reserved for persons suffering from:

(i) blindness or low vision;

(ii) hearing impairment;

(iii) locomotor disability or cerebral palsy, in the posts identified for each disability.

As per information received from 64 Ministries / Departments, 20,451 persons with disabilities have been appointed upto 31.12.1997. Information in respect of Public Sector Undertakings is not centrally maintained.

(b) and (c) Reservation for persons suffering from mild retardation is not available in the posts under the Central Government as it is not provided for in the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.

(d) Does not arise, in view of (b) and (c).

Cases pending with CBI

1608. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending with CBI for the last more than three years and out of them how many pertains to businessmen, NRI's and public servants;

(b) whether Government have specified any time-limit for completion of investigations in respect of regular cases;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government propose to fix any reasonable time-limit for completion of investigations by CVC / CBI as the delay causes hardships to innocent persons falsely named in FIR / regular cases of CBI; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) There are 257 cases pending investigation with the Central Bureau of Investigation for more than 3 years. Details of these cases pertaining to businessmen, NRIs and Public Servants are as under:—

No. of cases pending investigation against businessmen	No. of cases pending against Public Servants	No. of cases pending against Public Servants and Businessmen	No. of cases pending aginst Public Servants Businessmen and NRIs	No. of cases pending against Business-men and NRIs
33	119	101	3	1

(b) to (d) The Government has not specified time-limit for completion of investigation of regular cases. As regards the CVC, it does not take up investigations itself but normally gets the investigations conducted either through the Chief Vigilance Officers or through the Central Bureau of Investigation. However, according to the instructions laid down in the Crime Manual of the Central Bureau of Investigation, the time limits for finalising investigation of regular cases is as under:—

(i) Trap cases	2 months
(ii) Disproportionate assets cases and complicated cases (including Economic Offences cases)	1 year
(iii) Other cases of Anti Corruption Division	6 months
(iv) Special Crime Division cases (other than Economic Offences cases)	6 months

All efforts are made by the CBI to finalise the cases at the earliest and also to avoid frivolous prosecution on insufficent evidence to avoid hardship to innocent persons. However, delay in investigations is inevitable in complicated cases due to various reasons like cases having inter State / international ramification, issuances / execution of Letter Rogatory in cases requiring investigation abroad, cases requiring specialised technical assistance or expert opinion and grant of stay orders by superior courts.

Act for disabled and handicapped person

1609. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are sanctioned vacancies in Government of India and its undertakings;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is ban on recruitments;

(c) whether Parliament has passed an Act for disabled and handicapped persons in 1997; and

(d) what steps Government wants to take to fulfill the assurance given to handicapped persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) to (d) Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 provides that Government shall appoint in every establishment such percentage of vacancies not less than 3% for persons or class of persons with disability of which 1 % each shall be reserved for persons suffering from:

(i) blindness or low vision;

(ii) hearing impairment?

(iii) locomotor disability or cerebral palsy, in the posts identified for each disability.

Government had issued necessary instructions for implementation of the Act and no instructions imposing ban on recruitment to such posts under the Government of India have been issued. As regards Public Sector units, power to